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1. The political scene in Costa Rica has not changed. Although there was no active fighting during the week ending 17 Feb 55, considerable tension existed in the country with reference to relations with Nicaragua, and native insurgency has not been relieved. The week was marked by terrorists bomb attempts at bridges, water-lines, etc. The city of Heredia was without water for a 24-hour period during the week because of bomb damage to the water system. Terrorists' attacks culminated on the morning of 16 Feb 55 with a 15-minute battle, centering about the Alajuela electric plant.

2. On the diplomatic front, the Ministry of Foreign Relations has had sharp words and unpleasant exchanges with the Ambassador of Brazil and the Spanish Minister. Both incidents were attributed to the respective foreign diplomats' courtesies and/or attention to Deputado Mario Echandi. Although an attempt has been made to smooth over the issues involved, the feeling remains with Costa Rican nationals that this is a further example of the Foreign Department's ineptitude.

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